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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-2012-0031]

Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Public Charters

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*), this notice announces that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will forward the Information Collection Request (ICR), abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of currently approved Public Charters, 14 CFR Part 380. Earlier, a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published **April 9, 2012 (77 FR 21144)**. The agency did not receive any comments to its previous notice.

DATES: Comments on this notice should be received by **[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**: attention OMB/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Reather Flemmings, Office of the Secretary, Office of International Aviation, Department of Transportation, Special

Authorities Division-X46, 202 366-1865, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E. W-86-445,
Washington, DC, 20590 and Torlanda Archer, Office of the Secretary, OIA, 202 366-1037.

COMMENT: Comments should be sent to OMB at the address that appears above and should identify the associated OMB Approval Number 2106-0005 and Docket No. OST-2012-0031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2106-0005

Title: Public Charters, 14 CFR Part 380

Form Numbers: 4532, 4533, 4534 4535

Type of Review: Extension of a Previously Approved Collection

Respondents: Private Sector: Air carriers; tour operators; the general public (including groups and individuals, corporations and Universities or Colleges, etc.)

Number of Respondents: 245

Number of Responses: 1782

Total Annual Burden: 891

Needs and Uses: 14 CFR Part 380 establishes the regulations of the Department's terms and conditions governing Public Charter operators to conduct air transportation using direct air carriers. Public Charter operators arrange transportation for groups of people on chartered aircraft. This arrangement is less expensive for the travelers than individually buying a ticket. Part 380 exempts charter operators from certain provisions of the U.S. code in order that they may provide this service. A primary goal of Part 380 is to seek protection for the consumer. Accordingly, the rule stipulates that the charter operator must file evidence (a prospectus—consisting of OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534 and 4535) with the Department for each charter program certifying that it has entered into a binding contract with a direct air carrier to provide air transportation and that it has also entered into agreements with

Department-approved financial institutions for the protection of charter participants' funds. The prospectus must be approved by the Department prior to the operator's advertising, selling or operating the charter. If the prospectus information were not collected it would be extremely difficult to assure compliance with agency rules and to assure that public security and other consumer protection requirements were in place for the traveling public. The information collected is available for public inspection (*unless the respondent specifically requests confidential treatment*). Part 380 does not provide any assurances of confidentiality.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer

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